

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 and 33-52 are pending in this application. By this response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2008, claim 16 is amended. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the foregoing amendments and following comments is respectfully solicited.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite for not ending in a period. Applicants thank Examiner for noting this typographical error, and have corrected it by inserting a period at the end of the claim. Accordingly, claim 16 is now believed to satisfy the requirements under § 112, and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Double Patenting

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-22 and 33-52 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/757,836. Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer, which overcomes the provisional non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the provisional rejections of claims 1-22 and 33-52.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner's favorable reconsideration as to allowance, and withdrawal of any rejections of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the Applicant's representative listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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